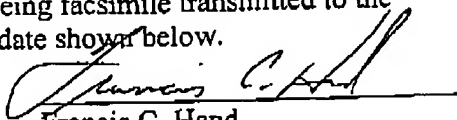


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**AMENDMENT AFTER APPEAL**

Sir:

In response to the Decision on Request for Rehearing, please amend the  
application as follows: